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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN TRADE TEAM

1. NORTH KOREAN TRADE TEAM ARRIVED APRIL 9 FOR FIVE DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH GOM OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER RAZAK, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER TAIB MAHMUD, AND TRADE MINISTRY OFFICERS. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, NORTH KOREANS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING DIRECTLY (NOT VIA SINGAPORE) INCREASED QUANTITIES OF NATURAL RUBBER AND TIN;
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GOM WISHES PURCHASE RICE, STEEL AND UREA FERTILIZER. FIVE-MAN

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TEAM IS HEADED BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER GYE EUNG TAI; MEMBERS INCLUDE LYU YONG GAG AND JO GYU IL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, PAK SU GUEN OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY, AND BSI GYEN LAG, COMMERICAL COUNSELLOR OF NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO.

2. DURING CALLS ON PM RAZAK, DPM HUSSEIN ONN AND TAIB MAHMUD, GYE DELIVERED FIFTEEN MINUTE HARANGUE AGAINST US "IMPERIALISM" IN KOREAN PENINSULA AND PROMOTING "CONFEDERATIN" WITH SOUTH KOREA. ACCORDING TO GOM FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO ACCOM-PANIED GROUP ON ITS CALLS, PM RAZAK IN PARTICULAR WAS DISCOM-FITED BY THE STRIDENT TONE OF THE NORTH KOREAN MESSAGE; RAZAK WAS ABLE ONLY TO REPLY THAT GOM "APPRECIATED" THE NORTH KOREAN VIEWS AND AGREED THERE SHOULD BE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF UNIFICA-TION PROBLEM. NO OTHER POLITICAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED.

3. ON TRADE MATTERS, NORTH KOREANS SUGGESTED "CLEARER ARRANGE-MENT" FOR "BALANCED" TRADE RELATIONS REQUIRING MALAYSIA TO

IMPORT GOODS OF EXACT VALUE OF EXPORTS TO NORTH KOREA. MALAYSIA, ON OTHER HAND, PREFERS GENERAL TRADE AGREEMENT TO ENCOURAGE TRADE IN EITHER DIRECTION WITH MINIMUM OF RESTRAINTS. GOM MAY ALSO SEND RUBBER MISSION TO PYONGYANG AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE.
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